## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1       1.     A method for pre-trusting applications for a firewall application, the

2 method comprising:

3       reading an order for an information handling system;

4       installing a software application onto the information handling system;

5       adding an identifier for the software application to a list of trusted

6            applications;

7       installing the firewall application onto the information handling system; and

8       accessing the list of trusted applications to automatically identify to the

9            firewall application that the software application is a trusted

10            application.

1       2.     The method of claim 1 wherein:

2 the list of trusted applications is generated within a manufacturing facility.

1       3.     The method of claim 2 further comprising:

2 generating a check sum for the software application; and,

3 adding the check sum to the list of trusted applications.

1       4.     The method of claim 3 further wherein:

2 the check sum corresponds to an MD5 signature.

3       5.     The method of claim 1 wherein:

4 the list of trusted applications is generated by the firewall application based

5            upon a record of software that is installed on the information handling

6            system in a manufacturing facility.

1       6.     The method of claim 5 further comprising:

2 generating a check sum for the software application; and,

3 adding the check sum to the list of trusted applications.

1   7.    The method of claim 6 further wherein:

2   the check sum corresponds to an MD5 signature.

1   8.    An apparatus for pre-trusting applications for a firewall application, the

2   method comprising:

3   means for reading an order for an information handling system;

4   means for installing a software application onto the information handling

5   system;

6   means for adding an identifier for the software application to a list of trusted

7   applications;

8   means for installing the firewall application onto the information handling

9   system; and

10  means for accessing the list of trusted applications to automatically identify to

11  the firewall application that the software application is a trusted

12  application.

1   9.    The apparatus of claim 8 wherein:

2   the list of trusted applications is generated within a manufacturing facility.

1   10.   The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising:

2   means for generating a check sum for the software application; and,

3   means for adding the check sum to the list of trusted applications.

1   11.   The apparatus of claim 10 further wherein:

2   the check sum corresponds to an MD5 signature.

3   12.   The apparatus of claim 8 wherein:

4   the list of trusted applications is generated by the firewall application based

5   upon a record of software that is installed on the information handling

6   system in a manufacturing facility.

1      13.    The apparatus of claim 12 further comprising:

2      means for generating a check sum for the software application; and,

3      means for adding the check sum to the list of trusted applications.


1      14.    The apparatus of claim 13 further wherein:

2      the check sum corresponds to an MD5 signature.


1      15.    An information handling system comprising:

2      a processor;

3      memory coupled to the processor;

4      a firewall application stored on the memory;

5      an approved application file stored on the memory, the approved application

6            file including a list of trusted applications, the firewall application

7            accessing the list of trusted applications to automatically identify a

8            software application as a trusted software application.


1      16.    The information handling system of claim 15 wherein:

2      the list of trusted applications is generated within a manufacturing facility.


1      17.    The information handling system of claim 15 wherein:

2      the list of trusted applications is generated by the firewall application based

3            upon a record of software that is installed on the information handling

4            system in a manufacturing facility.